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ACKNOWLEDGING DENNIS  
COCKING'S SERVICE TO THE  
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY  
DISTRICT

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 19, 2013*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Dennis Cocking, who will be retiring May 1, 2013, from the South Tahoe Public Utility District in California after 25 years of service.

Beginning his career part-time in the field, Dennis worked his way up to his current role as the public information officer handling both public relations and legislative affairs. In this capacity, Dennis has become the face of the Utility District and has been described as the bridge between the community and the board.

Dennis's service to the community of South Lake Tahoe has been indispensable over the past decades, ensuring that the public always had access to information about their water resources and providing clear communication on events in the district. His retirement will be spent traveling with his wife Kathy, enjoying their first grandchild and continuing their involvement in the community.

Dennis is a fine example of the culture of service that ought to be reflected in public officials and it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of his service.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
AND SERVICE OF MAYOR AR-  
LENE J. MULDER

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 19, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from the Ninth Congressional District of Illinois, Mayor Arlene Mulder of Arlington Heights, a Chicago suburb with a population of approximately 77,000 residents. In May, she will conclude her successful service as Mayor after two decades in office.

A longtime Arlington Heights resident, Ms. Mulder has exemplified the ethic of public service throughout her illustrious 35-year career. After establishing herself as a secondary educator and high school basketball coach, she entered public office in 1979 as a member of the Arlington Heights Park District. After twelve years with the Park District, during which time she served as commissioner and then as president, Mayor Mulder served two years as a village trustee. She was elected mayor in 1993.

Ms. Mulder's mayoral leadership has been nothing short of exemplary. Her administration was instrumental in the revitalization of downtown Arlington Heights, which now boasts a

thriving arts and cultural scene. In addition, she has provided vital leadership in her capacity as the chair of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, an organization that advocates for the reduction of aircraft noise in the communities around O'Hare International Airport.

In addition to serving as ONCC chair, Mayor Mulder is the vice president of the Illinois Municipal League, an executive board member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and secretary of Metra, the Chicago area commuter rail service. She is also active in a host of other community organizations, including the Arlington Heights Women's Club, the AAUW, the BPW, Allied Arts, NWCH Auxiliary, Historical Society, the United Way, and the Boy Scouts Council. She is an established and highly respected presence in Arlington Heights, where she is known to make daily public appearances around town.

Mayor Mulder has represented her community with distinction and has been a strong voice for the Village of Arlington Heights throughout her time in office. Her distinguished service to the people of Cook County is truly commendable. Although retiring as Mayor, Arlington Heights will continue to benefit from her abundant community involvement.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Mulder on 35 years of public service and in wishing her all the best for the days ahead.

HONORING RIO HONDO COLLEGE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 19, 2013*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rio Hondo College 50th Anniversary. Located in Whittier, California, Rio Hondo College is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offerings for its diverse students and community.

Since Rio Hondo first opened its doors in 1963, over one million students have come to the hillside campus to pursue their educational goals. Today Rio Hondo College serves more than 20,000 students each semester on a beautiful campus and new satellite facilities equipped with essentials for 21st Century teaching and learning.

Rio Hondo College strives to be an exemplary California community college, meeting the learning needs of its changing and growing population. In 2011, The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine ranked Rio Hondo College one of the "Top 50 Community Colleges" by Hispanic Full-Time Enrollment, by Hispanic Faculty, and for Hispanics Awarding Associate Degrees. Rio Hondo was also ranked nationally in the annual "Top 100" producers of Associate Degrees awarded to mi-

nority students in all disciplines by Community College Week, and in the "Top 50" for degrees awarded in homeland security, law enforcement, and firefighting. For the fourth consecutive year G.I. Jobs Magazine designated Rio Hondo College as a "Military Friendly School." The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

Our community is especially grateful for the strong and vibrant Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program and outstanding Veterans Service Center. In 2010, Rio Hondo College launched the award-winning South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC) partnership that provides a seamless pipeline to college for students from underserved areas with a historically low college attendance.

Throughout its history, Rio Hondo College has assembled strong leadership teams in support of the work done by outstanding faculty in the classroom and caring and able classified staff who provide essential services in all phases of college operation. As a teaching/learning institution, Rio Hondo College comes together and strives to meet the needs, aspirations, and goals of our changing student population and communities.

The contributions and achievements of Rio Hondo are far too many to count, but the enrichment and sense of community they have created is something to be acknowledged. For that reason, I would like to recognize Rio Hondo Community College for 50 years of lifelong learning and quality education.

SAN JACINTO DAY

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 19, 2013*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate one of the most important events in Texas history, and the history of our United States, San Jacinto Day.

On April 21, 1836, Texas forces, led by General Sam Houston, dealt a decisive blow to General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and his oppressive Mexican Government. Approximately 900 Texan and Tejano volunteers overpowered a larger, professionally trained Mexican army of conscript soldiers, after suffering defeats at Goliad and the Alamo.

These outnumbered volunteers were fighting against tyranny and for their homeland, and they triumphed because of their determination to be free from oppression.

In the words of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the people's government had been "forcibly changed, without their consent, from a restricted federative republic, composed of sovereign states, to a consolidated central military despotism."

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